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Hello Michael,

Insp Lucas put together an amazing list of key factors here.

I would really stress the importance of ensuring you have Liaison people assigned to start reaching out and establishing relationships as soon as possible and put a great deal of effort into this part of your plan. We managed to stop a lot of bad things happening here because we were in constant contact with convoys before they even left and while they were traveling across the country. The organizers were decent enough to talk to and repeatedly adapted to our requests made out of public safety concerns. Challenges started with them when they all arrived in town without a concrete plan. You also need to educate the organizers that they will attract the fringe elements (everyone with any kind of COVID complaint came out of the woodwork on this one). Let them know that public will not differentiate the fringe elements from the organized and they can expect that they may impact their messaging negatively. They need to be prepared to this and perhaps have an alternate staging location to separate themselves from that crowd.

A warning that this thing grew legs quickly and the protest started a full day ahead of schedule as people arrived early to get their spots/ The ones that travelled from further out were not even able to get close to Parliament Hill as it was taken by other trucks. This then became something to blame the police for. Be up front with them about this issue and take that possible blame away from police.

Ensure your folks have hearing protection – the horns are really hard to be around for extended periods of time.

If you think of anything else that pops up that you want more perspective on, please reach out.

-Pete
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Hi Micheal,

Thanks for reaching out. Although I'm not in a position to share our operational plan as it is currently in progress, I will share some key take aways from my perspective. It is important to note that in 3-4 days we went from one convoy to over 13 convoys attending Ottawa. The groups were fractured and there was a race to get the prime spots in front of Parliament. It is important to recognize that **thousands** of vehicles arrived in the 13 main convoys. One convoy was over 40km long. We currently have less than 450 commercial vehicles in our inner core but one truck alone can cause significant traffic impacts.

- Police Liaison Teams (PLT) – these members have been critical in mitigating and managing many of the issues in advance and have played a key role in managing the issues after arrival. These members reached out to the primary organizers well in advance to establish staging areas and find alternate locations. Many groups complied and we were able to negotiate some concessions.
- Make sure your organizers are aware of the civil and criminal liabilities well in advance and ensure accountability
- Make sure your organizers have a solid plan, including an exit strategy to avoid being caught up with no way out. This includes not letting their actions shadow their message
- Be wary of the fringe groups that attach themselves to the group, including the “MAGA/Trump” crowd, anti-vaxxers and anti-government. Try to make the organizers police themselves and have a point of contact with your agency to address issues
- Establish routes but keep them where you want them and be cautious about letting them establish themselves. Once in, they are very difficult to move
- Crowds aren't very large but the menacing impacts of large vehicles can be difficult to manage once in your core
- Quebec City established vehicle check points to screen all large vehicles going to the inner core with great success. Commercial motor vehicle fines are quite extensive in Ont and Qc
- Set the tone early, once lost, it is hard to regain. Make sure this includes all levels of enforcement from Bylaw to Provincial to Criminal
- Engage your Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement group to assist in managing the trucks.
- ID as many of the vehicles and trucks in advance to allow for proper follow up and accountability
- Don't let them into any areas that you don't want to have them access – use concrete barriers or city heavy vehicles
- Check on heavy tow capability – Alberta has not been able to secure any heavy tow capacity for their event. We have some city owned heavy tow but have not used them yet. Some local tow companies will refuse to put themselves or their company on the line

I wish there was a silver bullet solution that I could provide you but, as you can see, we don't have that as of yet.

I've cc'd Staff Sergeant Pete McKenna on this email as well. He was part of the planning committee and has a long history with the PLT program to add any additional insight on the key part.

All the best for your event. Feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Russell

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As per our discussion if you could share any points as it pertains to public demonstrations.

Thank you

Michael MacLean, Staff Sergeant

Fredericton Police Force

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